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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Headquarters Visit and Briefing of  
Senator Peter H. Dominick

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1. Today the Director hosted a lunch for Senator Dominick, newly assigned to the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services Committee. Also attending were General Cushman and Messrs. Duckett, Godfrey, [redacted] and Maury. Following the luncheon the Director explained the organization of the intelligence community and the Agency.

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2. The Senator spoke of a complaint he had received from an Agency employee who had been stationed in a Latin American country to the effect that the Agency's work there was severely hampered by subservience [redacted]. The Director replied that in some cases such a complaint might be valid, but if so this was the exception rather than the rule and that our situation [redacted] around the world depends largely on the personalities of the principals involved.

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3. In response to the Senator's question, Mr. Duckett summarized our intelligence regarding the Soviet FOBS program, pointing out the extensive testing and the fact that at this stage we could not say whether operational deployment had begun. The Senator expressed concern over the "blackmail threats" implicit in this system.

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4. [redacted] then summarized the Vietnam situation. The Senator expressed interest in the fact that, according to his Pentagon contacts, military equipment was being shipped into North Vietnam via

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Haiphong, whereas Agency information indicated that nearly all such equipment was coming overland. [redacted] explained that the military might be including in "military equipment" such items as POL, trucks, etc., but emphasized that our information was quite good that the actual amount of weapons arriving via Haiphong was negligible.

5. Mr. Godfrey then covered the Middle East situation and Soviet policy in that area.

6. The Senator spoke of information he had obtained from a well-informed Greek journalist suggesting the danger that so long as the present junta remains in power Greece might become "another Vietnam" as a result of a Soviet-sponsored Communist incursion from Albania. Mr. STATOTHR Godfrey and I said we thought this possibility most remote. I remarked that I was aware of certain Greek emigres such as [redacted] and [redacted] who were putting out this line in order to arouse American concern against the present Greek regime. I further noted, for the Senator's private information only, that while in Greece [redacted] had been a controversial and troublesome figure against whom several U.S. ambassadors had warned Embassy personnel.

7. Senator Dominick said that as a member of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee, he was interested in the Yarborough bill to establish an international health, education and welfare program, and would like to know the Agency's views thereon. I said that when the same bill was introduced in the last session our only interest had been to suggest an amendment permitting beneficiaries of such a program voluntarily to pass to appropriate Executive agencies any information they obtained affecting the national security or the violation of criminal statutes. I said that we would still be interested in this aspect of the bill and would take another look to see if we had any further views and advise the Senator of the results.

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